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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 12-45 without prejudice, resulting in the following listing of the claims. This listing replaces and supersedes all prior claim listings.

1. (Original) A transmitter comprising:

a transmission processing means for transferring a content signal or processing copyright protection on a content signal and then transferring the processed content signal and

a transmission controlling means for holding information indicating a receiver which does not have a function enabling copying of content by using the content signal or the processed content signal transferred from the transmission processing means and controlling output of the signal to be transferred from the transmission processing means according to whether or not information indicating the receiver which is connected to the transmission processing means is included in the held information.

2. (Original) A transmitter as set forth in claim 1, wherein

said transmitter comprises a protection detecting means for determining if said content is copyright protected and

said transmission control means transfers a copyright protected content signal from said transmission processing means when said protection detecting means determines that said content is copyright protected and transfers a non-copyright protected content signal regardless of the result of decision at the protection detecting means when it is determined that information indicating the receiver connected to said transmission processing means is included in said held information.

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3. (Original) A transmitter as set forth in claim 2, wherein

said transfer controlling means monitors for a change in connection of the receiver connected to said transmission processing means while transferring a content signal of copyright protected content without providing copyright protection and controls said transmission processing means so as not to transfer a non-copyright protected content signal when it detects that the connection has been change.

4. (Original) A transmitter as set forth in claim 3, wherein

said transmission controlling means monitors for a change in connection of said receiver by a hot plug detection function or plug and play function.

5. (Original) A transmitter as set forth in claim 3, wherein

said transmission controlling means suspends the transfer of the non-copyright protected content signal or transfers a copyright protected content signal instead of the non-copyright protected content signal so that said non-copyright protected content signal is not transferred.

6. (Original) A transmitter as set forth in claim 1, wherein

said transmission controlling means holds information indicating said receiver in a tamper-proof updateable manner.

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7. (Original) A signal transfer method including the steps of
holding in a transmitter information indicating receivers not having the function of being
able to receive a content signal to copy the content and

controlling the output of the content signal or copyright protected content signal at the
transmitter according to whether or not information indicating a connected receiver is included in
the held information.

8. (Original) A signal transfer method as set forth in claim 7, comprising the steps of
determining whether to provide copyright protection for said content using said content
signal and

transferring said copyright protected content signal when determining that the content is
copyright protected and receiving said non-copyright protected content signal regardless of
whether said content is copyright protected when determining that information indicating the
connected receiver is included in said held information.

9. (Original) A signal transfer method as set forth in claim 8, comprising the steps of
monitoring for a change in connection of the connected receiver while transferring a
content signal of copyright protected content without providing copyright protection and
prohibiting the transfer of said non-copyright protected content signal when detecting that
the connection has been changed.

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10. (Original) A signal transfer method as set forth in claim 9, comprising
monitoring for a change in connection of said receiver by a hot plug detection function or
plug and play function.

11. (Original) A signal transfer method as set forth in claim 9, comprising
suspending the transfer of the non-copyright protected content signal or transferring a
copyright protected content signal instead of the non-copyright protected content signal so as to
prohibit the transfer of said non-copyright protected content signal.

Claims 12-45 (Cancelled)